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REPORT NO.

TOPIC Erfurt-Bindersleben Airfield

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EVALUATION

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PLACE OBTAINED

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DATE OF CONTENT 1 June to 12 July 1952

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REFERENCES

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1. In early June 1952, source observed that Erfurt-Bindersleben airfield was occupied by 10 jet fighters.
2. On 12 July, 6 MiG-15s, [redacted] were parked at the field. * No twin-engine plane was observed at the field on this day, although, in early July, take-offs and landings were made by twin-engine transports. Three cargo gliders were once observed approaching the field in early July. ** On 12 July, source approached the runway which was composed of steel mats and was about 50 meters wide. ***
3. A PKV-45 DF station was located 50 to 60 meters south of the runway, about 300 meters from the east runway end. The former officers billets south of Erfurt-Bindersleben road were occupied by air force soldiers.

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* [redacted] Comment.

[redacted] From available information it is known that the field is occupied by about 10 MiG-15s. These aircraft belong to the fighter regiment stationed in Brandis according to another usually reliable source and judging by a fuel shipment observed on 8 June. See [redacted].

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** [redacted] Comments. These statements confirm the information by another source.

[redacted] The transport planes and cargo gliders participated in an air landing exercise conducted by units of the Eighth Gds Army in the Altenburg, Weimar and Erfurt areas. According to available information, the exercises lasted from 19 June to about 4 July 1952.

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*** [redacted] Comment. The construction of an auxiliary runway of steel mats is known from previous reports. The width of the runway is reported for the first time. It is not known whether the runway was completed.

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